

# *Pajaro Valley Rod & Gun Club*

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## *Tis' the Season for Cheer & Rejoice*

Newsletter - December, 2011

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### Elected Officers

President, Bruce Kobara  
Vice Pres. Jim Gandrup  
Secretary, Mike Ciglar  
Treasurer, Glen Slay  
Director at Large,  
Deo Frutuoso

### Elected Directors

Scotty Mitchell  
Ron Gordon  
Robbie Brooks  
Rodger Silva  
Mark Lauesen  
Rodney Misumi

### Appointed Directors

Bar, Paul Cunningham  
Chef, Bob Moresco  
Work Party, Harry  
Williams  
Range Master, John  
Maraldo phone 728-8611

### Members

Hall Rentals,  
Bill Sanchez  
Ass't. Cook,  
Abel Campos  
Caretaker,  
Mark Neher

### Calendar

IPSC Shooters only – Thursday evenings 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

Board Meeting – Second Tuesday of each month-applications 6:00 PM, meeting, @7:00 PM

Members Meeting – First Monday of each month- social hour 6:30 PM, dinner @ 7:30 PM.

Dinner for this month – pot roast to include vegetables and succulent juices.

Venture Club 568 – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Range closed.

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*It is with regrets that I bring to you the news that our President Bruce Kobara is currently in Dominican Hospital after having undergone recent heart surgery. The only news at this time is that he is doing as well as expected. Further information will be given out as received. We wish him a speedy recovery. In his absence, Vice-president Jim Gandrup has taken over the duties of President. He can be reached @ 728-9446 or Cell 750.5308.*

*And- Caretaker Mark reports that "Blackie" the Club's feline mascot has passed on after 20 years on the premises. Mark stated his senses had diminished in his later years – old age may have been a factor. Mark also made mention he has trapped and put-down 26 ground squirrels on the Club's property. Information has it these varmints harbor fleas, which are vectors or hosts, transmitting sudden undesirable plague epidemics to humans and other living creatures.*

### Transporting Concealed Handguns

*The legal authorization to transport concealed handguns without a permit unloaded and in a motor vehicle's trunk or a separate locked container in Penal code Section 12026.1 applies only while going to or from specific places and for special purposes identified in Penal Code Section 12026.1 (going hunting, or to or from a range, etc.) It is illegal to carry a concealed handgun without a permit for general purposes such as self-defense even though the firearm is transported in the trunk of a motor vehicle or in a separate locked container. Section 12026.1 is not too clear on this point but Section 12026.2 is, so it is prudent to read them both. Handguns being lawfully transported, concealed in a motor vehicle's trunk or in a separate locked container cannot be loaded nor can ammunition be attached to them in any manner.*

### Range News

*NRA Pistol Shooting Classes: Our training classes have been on hold since NRA mandated the use of Power Point presentations. Richard Crawford has donated a large screen and the Board has authorized the purchase of a projector. Bob Gandrup has been researching which projector will work best in our hall and we expect we will have a projector with the coming month. Watch this article for an announcement of up-coming NRA courses.*

*Semiautomatic Pistol Coaching: Thanks again to Robert Leonardich for volunteering this excellent training. Hopefully we can offer his coaching again in the future.*

*Range Improvements: Richard Crawford, Joe Ala, Robbie Brooks and Harry Williams, as well as Jon Wells of the Venture Crew, have all been donating their time to the analysis of our system. We are taking our time to get it right. I'll call another Shooters Meeting when we think we have the solution.*

*Range Rules Revision: At that Shooters Meeting I'll also distribute a proposed rule revision so I can have your input before submitting it to the Board. In the meantime, please contact me if you have any suggestions for improving the rules. Also, as mentioned in the last newsletter, Joe Myers is compiling a list of permitted caliber to replace our current rules' vague designation of "pistol calibers". Contact him if you would like to review and comment on the list.*

*Contact: You can call me at 728-8611 (during working hours) or e-mail me at johnmaraldo@gmail.com.*

### Nominations to Date

*For President, Bruce Kobara and Steve Walker; Vice-president, Jim Gandrup; Treasurer, Glen Slay; Secretary, Mike Ciglar; Directors, two slots, Wayne Farrell, Ron Gordon, Scotty Mitchell and Mark Smedlund.*

### P.V.R.G.C. By-law Sec. 6.3

*"The Board shall formulate procedures that allow a reasonable opportunity for a Nominee to communicate to members, the Nominee's qualifications and reasons for the Nominee's candidacy a reasonable opportunity for all Nominees to solicit votes and a reasonable opportunity for all members to choose among the Nominees." Additional nominations AND elections will be held during the December membership meeting.*

### More on CCW Issuances

*California law provides that the Sheriff of a county or a city Police Chief may issue a license to carry a concealed weapon upon proof that the person applying is of good moral character and that good cause exists for the issuance. While it is generally believed to be extremely difficult to obtain a license to carry a concealed weapon (CCW) in California, the difficulty varies greatly by city and county of residence. In some rural counties, qualified applicants are usually successful in obtaining a license, while some cities and counties, such as San Francisco and Los Angeles, are extremely restrictive in what they perceive to be "good cause." Some state<sup>d</sup> that the California system for CCW issuance fosters systematic discrimination of applicants; it has been publicized that numerous celebrities and government officials have been issued CCW licenses in cities and counties where the general public have been consistently denied. CCW issuance is also extremely low in areas where the population has a high concentration of minorities and minority applicants are more frequently denied, causing some to allege institutional racism. Carrying a concealed firearm without a permit is a very serious misdemeanor with a minimum penalty of 90 days in jail. It may be prosecuted as a felony if any one of over a dozen specific circumstances exist, such as carry by a felon, carry in relation to gang activity, carry with the intent to commit a crime, etc.*

*77% of all violent crime occurs in public places. This makes concealed carry necessary for most all self-defense needs. Due to onerous laws forbidding concealed carry, only 26.8 % of self-defensive use occurs away from home. Often, small weapons capable of being concealed, are used mostly by people of small stature or with physical disabilities. 66% of police chiefs believe citizens carrying concealed weapons reduce rates of violent crimes. Carrying a concealed weapon makes the owner and community safer by providing protection not otherwise available. In a life-threatening situation, it's quicker to pull Smith and Wesson than to dial 911 and wait critical moments, while hoping to stay alive.*

### Handgun Safety Certificate

*A Handgun Safety Certificate states in part that a person has successfully taken and passed a written handgun safety test as required by California law. Most firearm dealers are authorized to provide study material for the test and can also administer the written test in their store. The test is typically done at the time the firearm is purchased. They also have a list of persons who are exempt from the HSC requirement (i.e. retired law enforcement officer). There is a fee for the test and certificate. The certificate is valid for five years. If during that period the certificate is lost, the State Department of Justice has a record and a replacement can be obtained for a fee. Further information – further information can be obtained by reading Penal code sections 12800 – 12808. Multiple handguns can be purchased during the five year period.*

### Whitetail Deer

#### *(1st in a series of 3 deer articles)*

*Whitetail deer are the most common deer in the United States. Whitetails, truly, are America's deer. Probably, when most people in the U.S. think of hunting, they are thinking of whitetail deer hunting. These deer are a conservation success story. In one century, they have returned from the brink of elimination to a point of overpopulation in many areas. Whitetails can now be found throughout almost all of North America, much of California and Mexico. This recovery has been made possible by hunter-led conservation efforts. A factor that favors the whitetail is their willing next to tolerate living in close proximity to human activity. Human development of agricultural land has actually benefitted whitetail as a species and helped lead to the expansion of their range.*

### Lake Trout

#### *(Last in a series of trout articles)*

*The lake trout is by far the largest of the trout family. It lives in deep, cold lakes and is also known as Great Lakes trout, Mackinaw trout and salmon trout. It feeds on virtually all forms of flesh which abound in its home waters. Minnows, smelt, eels and any variety of small fishes are part of the part of the lake's trout diet. Its rich, flakey flesh makes it a tasty table favorite.*

*In the early spring, these fish can be taken in the lake shallows on dry flies, wet flies and other slow moving presentations. Once the surface waters warm, the lake trout retreats to deep water where trolling with heavy tackle is the preferred method. Spoons and baitfish imitating lures worked near the bottom provide the best results. As summer warms the water, cowbells and other flashing devices trolled deep often can get one to the lake depth where the lake trout stalk.*

### Hunter Safety Classes

*In a continued effort to reduce firearm accidents, the State of California requires all first time resident hunters, regardless of age, to complete hunter education training or pass a comprehensive equivalency test before purchasing a hunting license.*

*The California Department of Fish and Game conducts training throughout the state. Each year approximately 30,000 students complete the state's ten-hour minimum hunter education course. Statistics show hunter education training is a success.*

*Hunting accidents of all types have declined substantially since the start of the program. The California Hunter Safety Program began on January 1, 1954 with the passage of the Davis-Abshire Hunter Safety Training Law. The initial law required all junior hunters to take a Hunter Safety Class prior to obtaining their first hunting license.*

### Lifetime Fishing-Hunting Licenses

*There are two types of lifetime licenses: the Lifetime Fishing License and the Lifetime Hunting License. The Lifetime Fishing License entitles the angler to a sport fishing license each year for the remainder of his or her life. The Lifetime Hunting License entitles the hunter to a hunting license each year for the remainder of his or her life.*

*The lifetime license program works by depositing the money from the purchase into a dedicated account called the Lifetime License Trust Account. Each year, the money in that trust account earns interest and the Department receives an allocation equal to one license fee for every person holding a lifetime fishing or hunting license. Over the course of a lifetime, the money taken from the trust account is offset by interest earned on the principal Lifetime License fees based on age at the time of purchase.*

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